August 14, 2019

Matthew J. Ebinger, AICP Secretary to the Planning Commission Department of Planning & Development Review 900 East Broad Street, Suite 511 Richmond, Virginia 23219

Special Use Permit Request for 18 West Franklin Street (the "Project")

Dear Mr. Ebinger:

As president of the Downtown Neighborhood Association ("the Association"), I am pleased to inform you that, following a meeting of the Association on May 8, 2019, at which Mark Baker of Baker Development Resources presented information relating to the Project, the members of the Association unanimously expressed their support for the requested Special Use Permit. It is the opinion of the Association that this is an appropriate use that is compatible with other uses in the vicinity while offering the opportunity for the rehabilitation and continued use of the historic building on the property.

Very truly yours,

Tom Dickey, President

cc: Mr. Mark Baker (via email)